

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 30 March 1999
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Absolute Home Entertainment
 Title of Publication: The Violation Of Missy
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Director: Jim Powers
 Producers: Jeff/ Mike
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
 Country of Origin: USA
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	The Violation Of Missy	Running time:	85.39
Trailers:	Colour Test Pattern	Running time:	0.58
	Blank Screen		0.30
	Telephone Sex Notice		1.00
	Telephone Sex Notice		1.38
	Copyright Warning Notice		0.08
	Production Date Notice		0.09
	Telephone Sex Notice		2.03

Total Running time: 92.05

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

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Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *The Violation of Missy* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The video recording depicts sexual conduct of a strongly degrading and demeaning nature, and degrades and demeans participants to a strong extent and degree.

The video recording contains three scenes, two of which explicitly depict sexual conduct. The third scene, an interview between a Police officer and a victim of a sexual assault, provides a context for the activity.

The theme of the video recording is the sexual violation of a woman by six other women. Initially the victim is physically restrained and is not presented as consenting to the activity. The sexual violence is ultimately legitimised by the woman stating in the Police interview that she had found the experience 'pleasurable' and her subsequent refusal to press charges.

A degrading and demeaning tone runs throughout the feature. This tone arises from the aggressive nature of the activity, which includes hair pulling, holding of the throat, and the relentless penetration of orifices by fingers and a range of dildos. This includes the penetration of women's vaginas and mouths by a dildo attached to a power tool. The aggressive tone of the activity is intensified by the constant use of derogatory comments and offensive language that further degrade and demean the participants. The dialogue consists almost solely of this type of language.

Excisions have been considered but are thought to be impractical due to the extent to which the publication presents sexual and physical conduct of a degrading and demeaning nature, and degrades and demeans participants.

In view of the extent and degree to which, and the manner in which, the video recording focuses on the sexual activity discussed above, the Classification Office finds that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good.

It has been determined that s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) applies to this publication. However, by virtue of the way in which the publication deals with matters of sex, this publication is regarded as objectionable. The Classification Office considers this a reasonable limit, as outlined in s5 of the NZBR Act.

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